

**Testimony on Senate Bill 415,**  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY  
ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM, WATER CONSERVATION AND THE OPERATIONS OF  
THE CLEAN ENERGY FINANCE AND INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

**Before the Energy and Technology Committee**

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My name is Maryellen Donnelly. I am the Secretary of the Hampton Green Energy Committee.

I support the language in Senate Bill 415 to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy financing program in Connecticut. While many people in our community wish to take those all-important measures to conserve energy and to purchase renewable sources, they find the initial costs prohibitive.

I strongly believe that Hampton will be interested in PACE to both grow jobs and to finance conservation and renewables. We look forward to the opportunity to join a statewide program.

Established under Hampton's former First Selectman and working with our current elected officials, our Green Energy Committee continues to educate citizens about the exciting opportunities becoming available through thoughtful legislation.

We would like to be able to offer a PACE program to businesses and residents. It is critical to both establish an easy to use statewide PACE framework towns can join and to amend the current statute which crippled PACE assessments with lower priority status than other municipal tax assessments.

Thank you,

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